Howland Wood - Curatorial

Mabbott, Thomas Ollive

[Northwestern University
Evanston, IL]

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Hotel Brevoort
ANCIENNEMENT BREVOORT HOUSE
Coin de la 5me Avenue et de la 8me Rue
CABLE ADDRESS, LAFBREVORT.

New York, June 1, 1913.

Mr. H. Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City,

Dear Mr. Wood, –

Thank you very much for attributing the coin. I have decided not to subscribe just yet to the Numismatist. Hoping that you are well and that I will see you soon, I am,

Yours very truly,

T. O. Mabbott.

T. O. Mabbott,

Marlborough-Blenheim
Atlantic City, N.J.

August 30, 1914

Dear Mr. Wood,

As I hope to go to Philadelphia on the 10th. of September, I thought I would ask you if the Numismatic Society of Philadelphia has a collection and if it is open to the public. Since I have seen Liberty Bell, Franklin's Grave, Washington's Church, the "Zoo", and other "sights" of the city, I am planning to go to the mint and then to the Society if the latter is worth seeing.

Mr. Hill of the British Museum did reply to my letter about the 17th century token, and seems to think it a new variety.

I enclose descriptions of two new varieties of store card that may be of interest to you. I could not get the specimens but obtained rubbings

Thanking you in advance, and hoping you are well, I am,

Yours faithfully,

T. O. Mabbott.

Please send Society's address.

August 31st, 1914.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott,
Marlborough-Blenheim,
Atlantic City, N. J.

My dear Mabbott:-

Your two letters at hand, and I have been meaning to answer your first letter, but have been so busy with miscellaneous work and trips away that time has flown so fast, I have not been able to keep up with it.

As far as I know the Numismatic Society of Philadelphia has not a very large collection, though I think they have some sort of a showing. Really I know nothing about them. If I were you I would go to the Mint first, and Comparette can give you all of the information as he is a member.

I am glad to know that that seventeenth century token you have is a new variety.

Many thanks for the discriptions of the two store cards you sent.

Trusting to see you before very long, I remain,

Very truly,

September 24th, 1914.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott,
Hotel Brevoort,
New York.

Dear Mabbott:-

After you left yesterday, I remembered that I probably will not be here on Monday or Tuesday, and as you said that you might be up here one of those days, I thought it best to warn you,

Very truly,

Oct. 11, 1914.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I am writing this note to thank you for the dinner of the other evening. I would ordinarily have thanked you in person, but I will not be able to get up to the Society for a week or so. The reason for this is rather unusual. I mentioned (as you may or may not recall) that I have been troubled with a pain in my side. I now learn that I have a hole in my lung, or, to speak scientifically "pneumothorax" (I guess you never heard of that), believed to have been brought on by laughing. I am glad to say that Father and a specialist say that I will recover.

My article on the four tokens has been accepted by Mr. Adams, and I suppose will be published soon.

I received one of Mr. Elder's Catalogues recently, and was interested to note that your paper on the Blacksmith Tokens was referred to.

Hoping you are well, I am,

Yours faithfully,

T. O. Mabbott.

Oct. I3, I9I4.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott

b Hotel Brevoort,

New York.

My dear Mabbott:-

I am sorry to hear that you have a whole in your lung. You should swallow more chewing gum.

I trust you will get over your pneumo thorax shortly and all gomwell with you.

Our next meeting at the Society will be devoted to siege pieces, and will be held on the first Monday evening of November.

Very truly yours,

December 6, 1914.

T. O. Mabbott
Hotel Brevoort,
New York.

Dear Mabbott:-

Mr. Newell was up here the other day and was able to place two or three of your Colonial Greek coppers.

He also said that if you would like to see his collection, he would be pleased to show it to you this coming Saturday. He is in the Metropolitan Tower.

Let me know as soon as possible if this is agreeable to you, and whether you will be there in the morning or afternoon, and at what time.

Very truly yours,

FOURTEEN FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Wood

I enclose an inelegant specimen for the "near money" collection. Kind regards from

Yours,

Thos. O. Mabbott

June 15th, 1926

Mr. T. C. Wabbott
Northwestern University
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Mr. Wabbott:

Many thanks for the other piece of semi-paper money! Although up to date, these have not been in our line, I can see where we shall have to cultivate their acquaintance.

We have not seen you here for some time. I trust that when you come to New York on one of your vacations, you will pay us a visit.

Very truly yours,

Curator

September 25th, 1926

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott
Evanshire Hotel
Hinman Ave. at Main St.
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Mabbott:

We shall certainly be glad to see you whenever you can find time to come here.

We already had the G afton book list. Many thanks for sending it on.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,

Curator

PHONE EVANSTON 8800

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EVANSTON, ILLS.

Sept. 23, '26

Dear Mr. Wood,

Thanks for Norway volume – it came safe. I enclose a slip from a Catalogue, as I don't recall Grafton as often selling coin books – perhaps I'm mixed on that tho'. Best regards from

Thos. O. Mabbott.

N.B. Poe, and John Milton have kept me from doing much on tessera but I plan to visit the Society when I come to New York.

June 29, 1927

Mr. T. O. Mabbott,
14 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your favor just at hand and I note you are now in New York. Why not run up here before resuming your duties out west? I will be away all of July, but Noe will be here. Both Noe and I will be here in August.

Trusting to see you, I remain

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

DR. THOMAS OLLIVE MABBOTT
146 ELMGROVE AVENUE
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Feb. 23, '2[illegible]

Dear Mr. Wood,

Mrs. Mabbott almost tore this up — its hardly worth acknowledging, but I think shd be filed with the others. Kind regards from

TOM.

25th February, 1929

Dr. F. O. Hubbott,
Providence, R.I.

Dear Dr. Hubbott:

Many thanks for the Fuller brush certificate. I will add this to the collection of others. I trust you are enjoying yourself in Providence and that you like Brown. Possibly you may remember that I am a Brown graduate from the class of 1900.

Very truly yours,

DR. THOMAS OLLIVE MABBOTT
146 ELMGROVE AVENUE
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND Feb. 28, '29.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Mrs. Mabbott found another tooth card, and learning that we used them, gave it to me — she tells me she got both brushes free anyway.

Indeed I do remember that Brown is your alma mater — it is a rather nice place in many ways still, tho', I judge from what they tell me it has grown changed in twenty years. We like it pretty well, but miss Western friends — three years is too long to stay in a place without making ties it hurts to break. Do you ever visit Providence nowadays? My inclination is to collect coins more and more — my "for material" now includes everything important I'm apt to be able to afford — a few things I could not get now.

With kind regards I am, ever,

Yours sincerely,

T.O.M.

DR. THOMAS OLLIVE MABBOTT
1232 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Oct. 17, 29

Dear Mr. Wood,

I'm not perfectly sure that I've sent in my new address — things are only half moved in yet, but we're here. I do hope you are well again!! Had a siege this summer myself.

The enclosures are two more semi monetal coupons I found in the mailbox today

Yours sincerely

T. O. Mabbott

Oct. 29, 1929

Dr. Thomas Ollive Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mabbott:

We have already noted your change of address. Now that you are in New York, I trust we will see you now and then, especially after our new building is completed. At the present moment we are in the utmost confusion.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

1232 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK Feb. 4, '30.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I enclose an anonymous gift — reading about numismatic cards I decided to have one made — am not sure how absurd the custom is, but at least it is a harmless absurdity! Regards —

T. O. Mabbott

Feb. 6, 1930

Dear Dr. Mabbott:

Many thanks for the numismatic card. This will go with those of the same class.

I have written to the person concerning the money weights. We might possibly be interested in them.

Sincerely,

DR. THOMAS OLLIVE MABBOTT
1232 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

July 23, 1930.

Dear Mr. Ward,

Kind regards from

J. O. Wisbroth

July 24,1930

Dr. Thomas Ollive Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. Mabbott:

I am glad to hear from you and am sorry that crosstown communication is not of the easiest. I have looked through our coins of Julich Berg and Cleves and find we have nothing that Alfred Moss has not already embodied in his various books. I expect to be away about all of August, but after that will be more or less on the job.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

Nov. 17,1930

Dr. Thomas O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mabbott:

I am herewith returning to you the two coins from which I have made casts, and under separate cover I am mailing the casts.

Drop in to see us any time you can.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

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1232 Madison Ave
New York
Nov. 19, 1920.

Dear Wood,

Many thanks indeed for the "Gypsiogynose" — and I do plan to visit you more often this year, since I'm a settled New Yorker again. In the corner is a nothing of [illegible] I haven't [illegible] it [illegible] it off a regular coin, but the die seems to be [illegible] too.

Yours [illegible]

T. [illegible]

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Dec. 1,1930

Dr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mabbott:

I delayed answering your letter concerning the little three-cornered token until I had a chance to look it up. It is a Venetian token but I do not know the date. It is described in Neumann No. 29105. The P. T. V. stands for Protialoglio Ternario Vecchia.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

1232 Madison Ave. N.Y.
Dec. 2, 1930.

Dear Wood,

Many thanks for identifying the Venetian token. — It is curious how very few triangular coins one sees — even when *méreaux* and tokens are considered, the shape scarcely ever turns up. Of course your West Indian segments come to mind, but those are not really triangles after all. I hope to be getting up soon — if only there were simple ways of getting from East to West in the 80's I'd be a frequent visitor.

Sincerely yours,

T. O. Mabbott

I write this between classes, and find only this mimeograph paper.

R

1232 Madison Ave.,NYC,
July 5,1932

Dear Wood,

I enclose what I feel pretty sure is another official forgery of the Chinese mints,not mentioned in your article,which by the way is a most useful one. The piece I send you I bought at auction unseen about 2 years ago. When it came I regarded it with suspicion,tho' I have not seen an undoubted specimen. This suspicion rather increased when I noticed several more in various sales during the next few months. But the man who sold it to me I felt sure did not try to cheat me;and I was not sure,so I did nothing about it.

However,if you do think it bad,I suggest you communicate it to the NUMISMATIST,or if you do not care to,I will. The coin I offer as is to the Society,unless you already have one,in which case it can grace some other Chamber of Horrors,and I shall ask its return. You have facilities I lack to photograph it.

With kind regards I am ever,Yours sincerely,

Thomas O. Mabbott.

Thomas O.Mabbott.

N.B. The baby is still a good deal of care,keeps one of us home most of the time. She is at the moment vacationing with her mother in MISSOURI,and I am cleaning up the place,literarily speaking. We think California and London both too far this summer,but I hope to visit Chicago.

July 7, 1932.

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott
1332 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Tom:

We do not have here the piece that you sent me, although I have seen a number of them. It does not fit into the class of those that I describe in the Numismatist. Those were copies in dollar size of coins that never were issued, larger than a fifty cent size. Your piece belongs in a large class of pieces of which I do not know their justification. It has both in Chinese and Manchu "tai wan" which is the Chinese name for formosa. They seem to be somewhat of a medallic issue. You cannot call them souvenirs because they are original. Possibly they would go under the head of patterns. I think probably they were made at the mint or rather the dies were, during the period of the Empire and nothing more was done about them. These pieces were probably struck from the old dies during the time of the republic. Under the circumstances of its changed status I do not know whether you want to give it to us or not. I am holding it here and all you have to do is to say, "give it back"!

Did you ever do anything with the Mark Twain autobiography I handed you sometime ago? I am sorry the baby is still a good deal of care and trust she will get on to herself before long. When you finish your house cleaning drop around here sometime.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

1232 Madison Avenue, NYC,
July 8, 1932.

Dear Wood,

Many thanks for the note on the Tai Wan piece. Under the circumstances it seems to have a slightly higher status than a plain fake. But in any case it is the sort of thing much more useful to the Society than to me, and it gives me pleasure to make a gift of it.

Jane is compensation for any trouble she gives us I assure you, she is very fond of her mama-daddy, a collective way she has of naming us.

Perhaps if I get certain stuff written up during the next few days I can get up next week. I want to put the lead Byzantine seals in boxes, now the mereaux and cloth seals are separated.

This is a bad time to sell books, so I've done nothing with the Mark Twain. My language is mild, in saying bad time. The best dealer I know has had to move to the country.

With kind regards, I am ever,

Yours sincerely,

Thos O. Mabbott

Please return to me at my mother's house

14 Fifth MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK

Nov.19,1932.

Dear Mr.Newell,

It is so hard for me to get off to get up to the Society I've resolved to send on the little bronze of Gordian and Tranquillina,for the opinion of yourself and Wood.

As I explained,there is no reason to doubt it particularly,just a precaution. I do not think the absence of SC significant on a two-header at this period.

I should like the piece returned by registered mail to 14 Fifth Avenue,as there is always someone there to receive it. But do not ask for a personal receipt,as I am not there myself,it is my mother's home.

Value at $95.oo. I thank you in advance, and remember I am not pledged to buy it if genuine,my acceptance or rejection depends on how I feel financially.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas O.Mabbott.

November 23, 1932.

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott
14 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

Your bronze coin came the other day and I have just shown it to Mr. Newell who has asked me to reply. The coin is an absolute fake.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

1232 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Nov. 28, '32

Dear Mr. Wood,

I was away over Thanksgiving. A thousand thanks for your note on the coin of J. & J. Happily, as I told you, I need not raise the question of authenticity in returning the piece.

With kind regards and thanks to Mr. Newell as well as yourself, I am

Yours sincerely,

Thos. O. Mabbott

I am playing with the baby and dictating this.

1232 Madison Ave.,NYC,Jan.[illegible]

[illegible],

I append a rubbing of a 1799 dollar with a countermark, an eagle,and wish you'd drop me a note if it be anything unusual or unknown -- or something quite familiar to you. My drawing is not bad -- this is not a boast,but a statement of a happy chance -- the eagle is rather Napoleonic.

The coin is owned by a friend who values it only as a 1799 dollar,but that is so out of my line,I do not care to acquire it if the thing is very common,or if the countermark detracts from its worth because it seems a mere mutilation. However,no great rush,I've got the coin here,and the owner knows why. I do not however want to wait till the meeting,though I hope to see you then.

Does one congratulate fathers when the children marry? I think one does,and I wish the young couple all happiness. My family flourishes -- the daughter gave me a coin for Xmas,one of those given out by Santa Claus at Wanamakers.

Kind regards,and Happy New Year from

Thos. O. Mabbott

Thos.O.Mabbott

January 6, 1933.

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

I am inclined to think the counter-stamp on the 1799 dollar has no significance. To begin with it is too small for any official stamp. Also it looks to me like a silversmith's stamp, used to stamp sterling silver; In other words, similar to the English hallmarks. In the old days when time was not as precious as it is today workmen and other people with idle fingers used to stamp their initials quite frequently on coins.

The young couple are starting out well and happy and I am supposed to be congratulated. It is sort of a case of give and take anyhow!

Very truly yours,

H :JG

1232 Madison Avenue,NYC,Feb.18,1933.

Dear Mr.Wood,

About a year ago I told you I had some Sutler's checks,and offered the Society a selection. When I ran across them recently I found they number only seven,and I've little expectation that your vast series will lack any. But on the other hand it is surely no harm to send you the rough rubbings so you can see for yourself.

Incidentally I've not forgot Mark Twain,but the only man I've met who went in for that author recently did not even nibble -- sorry !

With kind regards I am always

Yours sincerely,

T. O. Mabbott.

N.B. The badly worn No.4 is issued by C.C.Sawtell for the 15 Vir.Reg.,but the 15 is in countermark,denomination is 5¢.

February 25, 1933.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

Your letter came while I was away for a week. We have none of the pieces you send rubbings of except the black rubber card for four cents. This we do have. The others are postage exchanges since the Civil War and we are remarkably shy of these. No. 4, however, is a Civil War Sutler. We have it for 25¢ but do not have the denomination yours is.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Feb.27,1933.

Dear Mr.Wood,

It is a pleasureto help out your collection of Sutler's Checks,Civil War and later,and I enclose all the pieces you lack.

By good fortune,I had one more Post Exchange piece, which I overlooked in listing for you,so I still have one specimen for myself here. You can understand I do not like to be quite without a specimen of a series in which I am interested,since one in the collection is sometimes an argument to get another from a person who happens to have another.

With all kind regards,Iam,ever Sincerely

Thos. O. Mabbott.

N.B. Please acknowledge on receipt,as I'm not bothering to register the little pieces. All were picked up,at little cost to me,and it is not convenient to go to the P.O. just now.

February 27, 1933.

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

The post exchange pieces came safe and sound and I am hastening to reply to still your worries. Many thanks for these, we are more than glad to get them. The counter stamp fifteen is not for the denomination but that Sutler changed his regiment and he stamped his tokens all to show that he was in the fifteenth Virginia regiment.

Very truly yours,

W:JG

Curator

March 4, 1933.

Mr. Thomas Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

The Dewey Parade Calendar was received today and thank you very much for sending this to us. I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

LW:JG

Curator

Dear Mr. Wood,

Separately I'm sending you a lot of badges etc. From time to time I buy unseen lots of "JUNK" and these came in one — with every other kind of thing. I've no room for such things here — & beg you to accept 'em — or if they are not in the line of the Society, send anywhere you think they might be liked! Regards

Sincr

T. O. Mabbott

April 4, 33.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
156th St + B'way
New York, N.Y.

April 10, 1933.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

Your card of April 4th has been received but as yet the "badges, etc." that you mentioned have not arrived.

Mr. Wood has been in Mt. Sinai hospital for the past two weeks and is recovering nicely from an operation. He will probably be there for another week and of course will not be here at the museum for several weeks.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

April 11, 1953.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

Since writing you yesterday the badges etc. which you mentioned on your card of April 4th have arrived. These will be referred to Mr. Wood when he returns.

We have one of the largest collections of Swedish coins in the world, numbering almost 4000 pieces but so far we have never come across any brockage and it would be very kind of you if you would donate to the Society the piece that you have illustrated in the Numismatist for April!!

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Assistant Curator

1232 Madison Ave.,NYC,Sept.29,1933.

American Numismatic Society;
Gentlemen;

I have done a rather curious little article for the NUMISMATIST on three numismatic allusions in American authors (all requiring special annotation). One reference is to the Gelimer coinage at Carthage,Obv.Head of horse,and in ex.XLII, Rev. KART HAGO Soldier standing. (See Wroth,BMC Vandals et.al., Plate I.) Mr.Duffield writes he'd be gad to illustrate,but has no BMC at hand,and I'd greatly appreciate the favor of

I. A specimen he could photograph OR

II. Acast of ditto. OR

III. A clipping or what not that would serve the same purpose.

I shall gladly pay any expenses of forwarding this to him at Baltimore. It must be the 42 denomination,which I do not have myself. And if there is a choice of specimens,the one with the largest exergue is to be preferred;it is the subject of the note.

I send kind regards to Messrs.Wood,Noe,and Newell -- and all other friends at the Society,and am

Yours sincerely,

T.O.M.

T.O.Mabbott.

N.B.If you have specimens of the enclosed beach license tags from Evanston,keep the ones I send and when I visit you some day soon I'll take 'em back.But otherwise,I think it worth while to put 'em in your series,I managed to get two sets,when last in the west.

October 7, 1933.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter but I was waiting to see Newell who has been away. Neither we nor he have the coin you ask for with XLII at the bottom nor do I find any illustration of this except in the British Museum Catalogue. In a few days we will photograph and I will have a photograph made of this and sent to Duffield. I do not have the beach license tags and will be glad to accept them.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

DR. THOMAS OLLIVE MABBOTT
1232 Madison Avenue, NYC, Nov. 15, 1933.

Dear Mr. Wood,

I have a recent letter from Dr. L. A. Mayer in Jerusalem (in re lead coinages), in which he says (in passing);--

"Do you know of any collections of Mamluk coins in the States? I am preparing a catalogue of Mamluk coins in our collection, which, although richer than any other known to me in Europe, Asia and Africa, is, I am sorry to say, not complete yet. I am sure some good specimens could be found somewhere in the States. It would help me enormously to know whom to approach for casts or photographs of them."

As I had said something of my own inability to read Arabic, etc., I think this appeal indicates that he is not yet in touch with you and Newell. It occurred to me that as I will not acknowledge his letter until the arrival of a promised separate, I'd consult you at once. Perhaps you will like to write him direct or through me --- I can think of nobody else to refer him to, save perhaps Yale, and if our friend Schulman would name customers, who went in for the Mamluks. But anything you think of will surely be welcome.

With kind regards, I am, ever,

Yours faithfully,

T. O. Mabbott.

N.B. I'll have a note inserted in the NUMISMATIST on general principles.

November 17, 1933.

Dr. Thomas O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

I have been in correspondence with L. A. Mayer. It started over the little coins he has been writing about. In a letter to him written in August in answer to his query about Mamluk coins I told him there was no important collection of these in this country outside of our own that when he was ready I would give him what help I could. I doubt if there are any other collections in this country. However, you can write both Yale and Princeton.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

January 19, 1934.

Dr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the Ford medal for which I wish to thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

Curator

N.B. If someone has a lot of Sasanians -- tell me how many and how much? I do not think you can have trace of the find I hear rumors of, but who knows? And I find reading Sasanians hard enough to interest me.

1232 Madison Avenue, NYC, Feb. 10, 1934.

Dear Wood,

I think you may like to have the details of my Napoleon III satirical pieces, as some are very odd, and may supplement what you have in an interesting way. And I rather hope this article will be printed sometime.

I. 10 cm piece, 1853, HB; A very thin X has been drawn with a knife or pin across the portrait, stopping at the edges of the inner circle, and on the reverse a + (cross) defaces the eagle. Now the marks are barely perceptible as the coin must have been circulation since, but when made the marks would have been bright and very evident. I have looked at many specimens of the coin, but met with only one like this and I'm sure it is purposely mutilated by somebody who disliked Napoleon the Little. You have probably seen Nero with his throat cut, and I have seen of this delicate compliment being paid to Queen Anne!

II. 10 cm. piece, 1855, HB; A helmet with spike at top and cheek pieces has been engraved -- also a high military collar. The coin is brown from use but the cut places are still bright. It is a nice piece of work, and is the piece referred to in Sally Rosenbergs Stock Catalog 1930, no. 326. (He by the way had 2 struck medals @ 1½ RM, no. 317, but I do not have those.)

III. 10cm piece, 1855, W; The edge has been "serrated," and on the obverse a helmet and collar added to the portrait by means of thin scratched lines, and little round punches; in front is punched 1870, behind 1871. On the reverse is punched upside down across the eagle 1848. The coin has been pierced, and apparently broken off a chain or nail.

IV. Small engraved medal about the size of 5cm piece, wholly smooth now and engraved very crudely with a knife. Obv. Caricature head of Nap. III to l., with beard and helmet (too small for his head), and inscription around, reading VICTOEIA. The rest is apparently without meaning. On the reverse is an even cruder head to left, and an inscription reading JM..... The head is male and bearded, the two letters most uncertain, but I cannot get SEDAN or Vampire Francaise out of the legend.

V. I have two other countermarked Nap. III 10 cm pieces, one reads PEARS' SOAP, this is from a special punch, the other has R H on the reverse.

Always sincerely yours,

T.O. Medcalf

T.O.M.

February 28, 1934.

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

Please pardon me for not answering your letter of February 10th. I put it with my notes for the talk I am giving at the next meeting and forgot that it needed a reply. Many thanks for the description of your pieces. As for the Sassanian coins, I spoke about, I had a talk with Newell and he said he did not think it would be of much use to bother with them as they had been pretty thoroughly picked over and a large amount of them had been put into Elder's sales. Those that were left were just a few of the common rulers and only a few mints could be picked out for each ruler. There would be a number of dates but nobody bothers about these. They are owned by a man named David, I suppose Mauritius David.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

N.B. I had no notion of any big publication — a new dates is worth a line or two in Germany I suppose. So I await word — your results. TOM.

DR. THOMAS OLLIVE MABBOTT
1232 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Mar. 1, 34.

Dear Wood,

Many thanks for your word on the Sasanians.* I'm still interested — since (aside from Chosroes II) my collections of Sasanians at present total 4 or 5 coins in all. ~~And~~ if the price is only a little over silver there is nothing to lose to speak of.

I'd prefer having you get in touch with Mr. David, since I think you + he understand the pieces have little premium. It amuses me to work out THE MINTS AND the dates too, + that is really the reason I want the stuff. So if you can get me an offer, it is worth the cost of correspondence anyway. I suppose the sums involved would not be huge — and would not seem too anxious. But I'd buy if the price be low enough to give a scrawl + regards

TOM

* They are not the find I've been in touch with, which was almost all Chosroes II — 24 out of 25 and included a very rare mint.

1.E. Jones

March 26, 1934.

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

I have just heard from my friend David about the Sassanian coins. He has about 900 of them and he will sell all or half for 25¢ each. I told him this was too much. If you still want to plunge, make an offer. At the present time they are away on approval at some low price; how much I do not know but if David can get more than he offered them to the other man he will send for them. I told him not to bother to send for them that if theother man did not want them I might open negotiations. However, he asked me to write my customer, as he called him, and see if he would make an offer." Hence the letter.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Dear Wood, 1000 thanks --- about the 900 coins. I had no notion there were so many; just at the moment $225 or $112 would hit me too hard. I learn that there is said to have been 2 or 3 ass loads in all, the BM got 400. However, if later the price does come down around silver value, I may still be interested. From what I now know I feel more than say 10% over "face" would be too much. There is not any gamble at all on the rarities I'm sure. But I'm grateful to you just the same.

I'm slowly getting stuff on the two very queer categories of tesserae I've mentioned to you & EIN, and will probably be able to do the article this summer. Are you doing an essay on the Napoleons?

Best regards from TOM. Mar. 27, 1934

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THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howland Wood
Am. Numismatic Society
156th St. & Broadway
CITY

1232 Madison Avenue, NYC,
April 14, 1934

My dear Wood,

Will you find out whether "we" have got in touch with the people doing the CORPUS of Palmyrene Tesserae. Mons. Seyriq writes me they have descriptions etc. of over 900; and we'd surely want to participate, even if we have only a few. I shall mention I've written you when I write him at Beyrouth. My total seems to be one clay (of a new type however) and two leads which are so unlike anything else I have I think they may be from Palmyra, and mean to ask.

All kind regards from

Yours,

T.O.M.

N.B. My pen is astray, and the family all left to get Jane a coat, so I'll sign in type alone.

April 17, 1934.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

I have just seen Newell and he said sometime ago a Dane called upon him and made notes of all his Palmyrene Tesserae. Since then he has had turned over to him three letters from Seyrig.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

I'm glad the Palmyrenes have been handled. One would hardly have expected me to have one --- my clay one was sent me as lead, and I kept it only because I had a feeling it was nice to have one in the collection. BUT I am now convinced one and perhaps two of my leads are from Palmyra, so I'll have something to send on to the Beyrouth people. I judge Palmyrene leads are very unusual, Oxford has only one, and MILNE is interested in lead I judge.

A review of you has gone off to the NUMISMATIST, the Iberia work really has my sincere admiration, I marvel at your success on those things, and it is enough in my line to be a felt tribute -- not like my marvel at a magician. Kind regards,

T.O.M.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
156th St. + B'way
City.

July 2, 1934.

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

I have looked through your notes on the lead seal and do not see what further you can do with it. I think you have said all that can be said. I have read it over a couple of times and see nothing to add or subtract.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

July 5, 1934.

My dear Wood — I can report progress on the Lafayette stuff — there are 30 varieties (counting die vars.) listed by King among the Chapter pennies + even if we illustrate only those with the head, we must refer to all. Boyd's stuff must wait for early Fall, I guess, as I am more or less settled for the summer. I'll return King shortly by parcel post — felt a bit guilty carrying him off, but he is worth it. Kind regards — from Yours sincerely,

T. O. Mabbott

118 S. Barron St.

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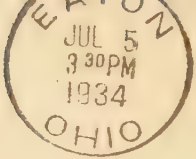
I've requested the "pig medal" for you from Norton at Lafayette: + I plan to forward the photos of the Palmyrene + near Palmyrene pieces from here — but anything sent any address will be forwarded I think.



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Mr. Howland Wood
Am. Numismatic Soc'y
156th St & B'way
New York, N.Y.

I'm glad the seal bit seems OK. — if Valmonte gives me a reference or two I'll add, if he does not write fairly soon, why I'll send it off as is, unless some other idea strikes me. — I think the Chronicle first, they make a nice little separate and Mattingly invited a contribution.

I've been drafting the preface for Lafayette, will write you more when the photos of the Palmyrene stuff comes through.

Ever since,

T. C. M.

July 8, 1934.

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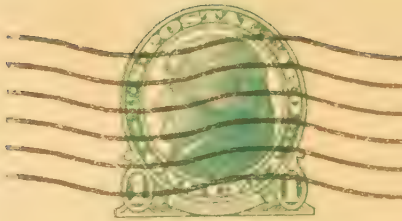

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
156 East. & Broadway
New York N.Y.

July 11th, 1934

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
118 S. Barron Street
Eaton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

I am enclosing four photographs of the Palmyrene pieces. Unfortunately, we forgot to do the other side of one of them. This will have to be done later. These photographs are not over-good because we had poor light when we were doing them. Robertson is now on his vacation, so that they cannot be done over for three weeks.

I trust that you will be able to get the "pig medal" as I have never been able to obtain one.

Sincerely yours,

Curator

H /B
Encs.

Evanston's Finest Hotel

Many thanks for the photos, I've mailed 'em to Syria. When I get to NYC I'll copy what I see as the inscr. and send that, and I guess it will be possible to attain a reading, probably only a name of some private person, in any case tho' the types are new, among the 900 known to Seyriq. All kind regards from TOM. We go to Chi. for 3 days this afternoon. Aug. 1, 1934

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Mr. Howland Wood
Am. Numismatic Society
156th St., & B'way
New York,
N.Y.

EVANSHIRE HOTEL HINMAN AVE AT MAIN ST . EVANSTON, ILL.

October 23, 1934.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

The nominating committee of the club met the other afternoon and your name was proposed as a member of the Executive Committee. If agreeable to you we would like to make this nomination at the next meeting.

Very truly yours,

M:JG

Secretary

1232 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

October 24,1934.

Dear Mr.Wood,

Of course I am honored to be nominated as a member of the Executive Committee of the Club. And it gives me great pleasure to accept.

I'm hoping to see you late this week,or early next.My schedule this term is such that I hope I may work in an afternoon a week at the Society now things are started. And I want to get Lafayette done up now.

With kind regards always I am,

Yours sincerely,

Thomas O. Mabbott

DR. THOMAS OLLIVE MABBOTT
1232 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

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Thomas Ollive Mabbott

1232 Madison Ave.,NYC.
Jan.27,1935.

Dear Wood,

The Frank A.Munsey Co. in '29 issued the enclosed medals through DETECTIVE FICTION WEEKLY Magazine to award policemen(and others) cited for bravery. I have persuaded some friends in the office to let me have specimens for you. If however you already have either or both,will you please return them; the larger one seems to be the only copy they still have. Will you not also send me a very brief note of acknowledgement --- such as I could show them? The gift is through me but I think they'd like to know it is of interest. The smaller medal is not very rare yet.

Kind regards from

Yours sincerely,

T.O.M.

T.O.Mabbott.

January 28, 1935.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

I want to thank you most sincerely for sending on the two Detective Fiction Weekly medals. We did not have these and as a matter of fact did not know of them. We are more than glad to get these pieces. I wish you would thank on our behalf the Frank A. Munsey Company or whoever supplied these pieces. Again remaining in your debt, I am

Sincerely yours,

H":JG

Curator

1232 Madison Avenue,NYC,19 Feb.1935.

Dear Wood,

The Rev.V.Laurent,of the Institut des Augustins de l'Assomption in Istanbul writes me under date of 2 February that he is beginning work on the CORPUS SIGILLOGRAPHIQUE -- that is of the Byzantine Lead seals -- for the College de France. He expects the work to occupy six years at least,but naturally hopes soon to get as many of his materials together as possible. And in the case of objects so hard to read as these things the advantage of fairly long association with them is highly desirable.

He begs for photos of the collection -- of which I have told him -- at the ANS. And I feel sure you will want to comply,for I have seen enough of his work to be amazed at it. And you recall the Society has only a small number,kept in one drawer,tho' they are of extraordinary beauty and fine condition,and no doubt unpublished.

He writes ---

> Je desirerais les pieces en grandeur naturelle (la plaque ou les films et une epreuve devraient m'etre envoyees.

and goes on to beg that the Society may join in the good work to the extent of contributing the said photos. This I naturally urge,too, upon you. He also warns me to send nothing immediately,as he will want them sent to France because of some customs troubles in Turkey. You know I have no axe to grind -- but if I could see the photos,I'd forward them. Incidentally the job of having my own photographed will be next,but I told him I'd help in any way I can. You know my series runs to quantity rather than quality.

Finally,and this he would like to know fairly soon,have you any dope on the source of the Society's series ? Is it Parrish ?

And have you ideas about possible collections ? I thought a questionnaire could be sent out later,to a few universities perhaps, though I suspect there are few enough unless from diggings,in America.

With all kind regards, I am,

Yours always,

Thos. O. Mabbott

Thos.O.Mabbott.

February 20, 1935.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Tom:

I haven't had a chance to look up what Byzantine seals we might have, but I know we only have a few. I do not know how many you have but sometime we can photograph the whole bunch. Where ours came from I don't know. Newell has an extremely fine collection with a number of very important ones. However, Newell has turned over the right of publishing these to A. R. Bellinger of Yale and they are now out of Newell's hands for publication purposes. I will talk this over with you next time I see you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

1232 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

21 Feb.1935.

My Dear Wood,

Many thanks. As the French clergyman plans to do nothing I judge in the way of printing for several years,and as Bellinger seems to have sent him word of something he did probably they can work it out between them. I'll tip my correspondent off about E.T.N.,if indeed he will not have already got in touch with him direct.

The Society's bunch is not very large, but the condition is extraordinary,as I recall it.

My lot is nothing to boast of in that sense,but there are an awful lot of them. After I bought the Feuardent Roman tesserae,the seals were offered me as a kind of appendix. It is one reason I've been bent financially,for I felt the lot should not be broken up. I judge Feuardent sold the very attractive ones,and kept the rest for his own pleasure.

With all kind regards,I am,ever,

Yours sincerely and gratefully,

O.M.

~~EVANSHIRE HOTEL~~
~~FOUNTAIN PLAZA APARTMENTS~~
~~HINMAN AVENUE AT MAIN STREET~~
~~EVANSTON, ILLINOIS~~

~~PHONE UNIVERSITY 8800~~ Feb 23

The man I know about in OLOMUC
is
Dr. Otto F. Babler
Svatý Kopeček
u OLOMOUCE
Czechoslovakia
+ if you've heard nothing from the Lafayette medal I suggest you drop him a line; he is a person of wide interests + I'm sending him a book this week. T. M.

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Mr. Howland Wood,
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156th St. + B'way,
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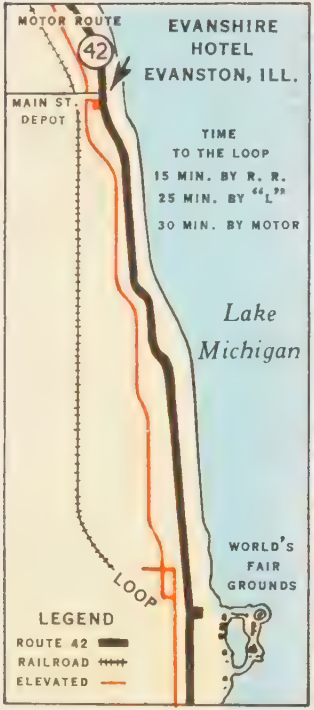

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March 21, 1935.

Dr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

I have just received from France a catalogue of the Centenary Exposition of Lafayette by André Dubie. The catalogue lacks in every conceivable thing and here and there are medals mentioned.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

Curator

them lose an [illegible], perhaps you have a way of

July 3, 1935.

Dr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Ave.
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

Many thanks for the rubber money. Even with the best of care these will last only a short while. They gradually dry up and crack. If you want to see me about anything I will be here during July but will not be here during August.

Sincerely yours,

H :JG

Curator

1232 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Nov. 3, '35

Dear Mr. Wood,

Has the Society a specimen of the "half-faced" groat of Henry VIII — illustrated by Brooke, English Coins Plate 40:F ? [It's sort of 3/4 face really.]

Dr. Tannenbaum, 808 West End Ave., wants to illustrate it in the Shakespeare magazine he edits — and I think a plaster cast would be better than to try to use Brooke's plate. He'd also like to illustrate an Elizabethan THREE-FARTHINGS and PENNY.

If you don't have the type, please drop me a line; I can get it from the B.M. of course. But if you do, I think the Shakespeare Society would be grateful if you sent a cast to Dr. T. direct.

Sincerely & in great haste

T. O. Mabbott

N.B. The point is this: Shakespeare refers to the half-faced groat, but all commentators fail to see the meaning. I wrote it up in Notes + Queries, July 28, 1934, an article called "The Coinage in ... Shakespeare's King John."

November 4, 1935.

Dr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

Your letter just at hand and we have a far better eighth Great than the B.M. has. It is now on exhibition at Utica but I have sent for it. I have the Elizabeth penny but not the three farthings. I think photographs would answer Mr. Tannenbaum's purpose better than casts because casts are rather hard to photograph. Do you want both sides or just the obverse?

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

November 20, 1935.

Dr. Thomas O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

I have been holding off photographing the Henry VIII piece and the Elizabeth one penny piece to find out whether you want one or both sides done. Don't you think with all this stir about Mark Twain you might be able to sell that autobiography of his which I let you have sometime ago?

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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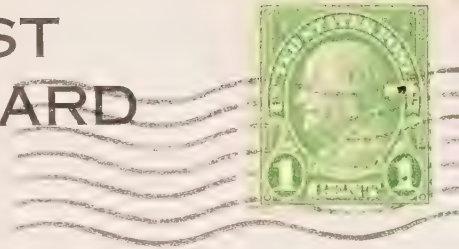

December 4, 1935.

Dr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Ave.
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

The other day we were photographing and I had a little room on two of the negatives and I put the two coins in question on them and I am herewith sending you prints, which you can have with our compliments and do as you wish with them with Mr. Tannenbaum.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

1292 Madison Ave., NYC, 9 Jan. 1936.

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I think that some months ago a letter came in the midst of my boils and was neglected --- but my recollection is that $16 worth of photos of Corals were taken. I now enclose a check for this amount, and hope to bring up the rest. If the whole job can be done for $24 more M. Laurent tells me he can back it. Under more favorable conditions I'd gladly back so worthy an enterprise myself, but lately it has not been possible. In case the cash involved is far more, I have indicated my willingness to send the seals to France so the problem is not one insoluble in any case. But frankly it does seem Laurent should see them, he reads them so much better than anyone else, and I cannot think anyone will improve these things.

Happy New Year, I hope to see you at the annual meeting, and with all kind regards as always

Yours sincerely,

T. O. Mabbott.

N B If the expenses prove too great I shall petition the Council of Learned Societies, you know this is a project of the sort we cannot be out of.

P.S. The new boot was not really still born; I have just rec'd a reply from Dunlap, to whom I wrote for information. He will also send a photo of the society's own small but beautiful collection. Novelli also sends his too.

P.S. I judge he thinks of my seal and the Society's --- those he can certainly get as the "whole job" --- but not Novelli's. I'll bring up the relics as soon as I can.

January 10, 1936.

Dr. Thomas O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mabbott:

Your letter just at hand and I will try to digest it sufficiently to talk to you about it when you come up. I trust you will be able to come up tomorrow for the annual meeting as Mrs. Brett would like to call a meeting of the Publication Committee to transact certain things that should be done before she leaves for Europe on the 5th of February.

Very truly yours,

H:JG

Curator

March 2, 1936.

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Ave.
New York City.

Dear Tom:

When am I going to see you about Pradeau's article? He wants to know what has become of it and I have been stalling him off telling him it is in the hands of the Publication Committee.

Hosser in checking up the library books has charged against you King's Masonic Chapter Pennies. Somebody I think has been asking for this so when you do come around and if you are through with it we would like it back.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

10 Mar.1936.

Dear Wood,

I've been carefully over the whole MS, and agree with you that it is a meaty piece of work. In a few places the arrangement is curiously confusing, and I did a fair amout to the English too, things like"Castilla".ButIshall want a conference with you about straightening out some parts, and hope it can be done this week, maybe Thursday morning. The fire upset things queerly at Hunter, and my schedule is being changed, and there is s reregistration tomorrow. Much mess.My Milton proofs are now one to the printer.

I'll bring the Masonic book and perhaps some of the leads,I got the cash from France for them, I mean the photos.

Yours sincerely,

Tom

Thos.O.Mabbott.

9 July 1936; 42, Asmuns Hill NW11

Dear Wood,

I suggest you hold up the photographs of the lead seals until, further notice — but send what you have done to Laurent now. He writes me the first series is not satisfactory at all; he is indeed quite eloquent on the matter!

I am personally willing to send my things to him, so an arrangement whereby Newell's are photographed out of his funds + the rest returned him will probably be best. I am writing him tonight!

We missed you + Newell + Noe at the Congress, you should have come, all of you; but none of you coming was a shame. I think I've found an ancient coin die!

Sincy T.O. Mabbott

POST CARD

Howland Wood Esq.
American Numismatic Society
New York, N.Y.,

156th st. + B'way.

U.S.A.

DR. THOMAS OLLIVE MABBOTT
1232 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

10.xii.1936.

Dear Mr. W.,

If of Miss Lucy Coontz, I send for the Society a set of six cardboard tokens issued at Lomeric Illinois --- you wi see there are five varieites (two with [illegible] and it is possible that the head only are a different so I am sure you'll want the set. No charge is made of course, but I would feel justified in trading with you if you have any duplicate card tokens from Illinois, or Cali or any of the Washington provisionals which are listed as unusual by Mage. Also I would ask a return of any of these if you have specimens. In the 18 pieces examined only two full sets turned up. Miss, C., who is the sister of a leading citizen has been searching for months, and we are the whole series she could fin in all ---- there are two or three c [illegible] [illegible] the society ---- very few will come o[illegible] I think, Chase Bank did not get them i[illegible] tho' I'll bet they get one or two. But I [illegible] justified in accepting a specimen or two as this material is more than scarce, & [illegible] information comes from.

I at one time had a [illegible] of the receipt check is used for the payment in Chicago by the News Co., but it is astro[illegible] Zerbe has one, but if you have a "spare," I'd be glad to get it.

Should you not have dups, of course the pieces are a free gift. Sin[illegible], T.O.M.

December 16, 1936

Dr. Thomas Ollive Mabbott,
1232 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Mabbott:

Your letter at hand with the cardboard tokens of Momence, Illinois. These are the first we have and with your permission I am keeping all of them.

We have no duplicates except of the most common series. I am, however, sending you a lot of different denominations of Ohio script. This is the best I can do in exchange. As a matter of fact, we have not got Magee's book. I have asked Noe, sometime ago, to order one; therefore at the present time I have no idea of all of the pieces issues in small localities.

Kindly thank Miss Coontz for us.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

January 17, 1937

Dr. Thomas Ollive Mabbott
1232 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mabbott:

I am herewith sending you a check for $84.00 so that you can close up the transaction with Pere Laurent. I received your letter during the summer and have been waiting really for you to come up here. I am sorry that he did not like the photographs. Possibly they were not quite contrasty enough or else we tried to do too many at one time.

I think you will be up here some day soon as the Publications Committee will have to have a meeting to decide one or two important things.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

January 25, 1937

Vahan Mozian Inc.
10 East 39th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

As per telephone conversation, I am returning the two lawns purchased in your last sale by Robert Robertson, who passed away last Friday.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

January 30, 1937

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott,
1232 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

I was thinking over after you left that while you have Pradeau's manuscript you might as well change the preface so as to include more of my activities in it, which is something I don't care to do and then I will have Mrs. Brett as Chairman take it up with Dr. Pradeau as this is a matter that I do not think is up to me to take up with him.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

Mar. 4, 1937

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott,
1232 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Tom:

I just sent to Pradeau the balance of the manuscript which takes up the Revolutionary coins. To my mind this is the most important part as less has been done on this period than on any other and a lot of new information is in this manuscript. As a matter of fact, we have doubled it.

I would like to get back the rest of Pradeau's article so that I can begin laying out the illustrations as I will need the text for this. I trust you will not make too many changes.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

Apr. 23, 1937

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott,
1232 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Tom:

If you possibly can I wish you would send back Pradeau's article. It really should be off the press by this time according to our promises to Pradeau. I have still got quite a lot of work to do as I cannot mount up the illustrations with the manuscript. They have got to be numbered and the numbers inserted in the text so you see there is quite a little bit ahead of me yet.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

April 25, 1937

Dear Wood,

I am really ashamed of myself for the delays in handling the Pradeau especially as I went over it once long since and probably should have sent it in. But three classes a day, constant drive over the Columbia Milton (which I do not think is particularly appreciated) and lack of office facilities prevented my giving until now a second reading from the point of view of style and grammar. As I suppose Pradeau thinks partly in Spanish I felt I had to do this carefully lest what are called "howlers" slip in. I am now doing this rapidly and send the first section to-night. The other sections should reach you during the week, and I think I can promise speedy handling of all the future material. It is really a surprisingly valuable compilation.

With kind regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

T. D. M.

Malbot

1232 Madison Ave. NYC
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My dear Wood,

I'm writing to Newell and Mrs. Brett today, urging more speedy publication of the book on the Commemoratives than has been planned. I feel the book should come as soon as possible — that we have been thinking of it too much from the side of mere outlay — too little of timeliness, and profit, to the collector, + our own funds. I have given much thought to this and feel strongly about it now. A word to the wise is sufficient — see Newell + Mrs. Brett if you feel this way. I do not need to be convinced now.

Personal note — I'm married again, the same wife as before! It was a very hectic summer emotionally, but we feel very much on our feet now.

Ever sincerely yours

T.O.M.

Dec. 6, 1937

Mr. Thomas O. Mabbott,
1232 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Tom:

Nothing would please me more than to see the Commemoratives gotten out as soon as possible because it is both topical and pertinent now.

I gave the manuscript back to Bullowa the other day as there were two or three little additions he wished to make.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW s

Dear Wood,

I enclose a piece supposed to be connected with the Mexican Revolutionary issues, there were two of them in the last Bolender Sale, both apparently from the same dies, so please accept one for the Society.

Yours sincerely,

T.O.M.

T.O.Mabbott

1232 Madison Ave.,NYC
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December 17, 1937

Mr. T. O. Mabbott
1232 Madison Ave.
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mabbott:

Many thanks for the piece that you got in Bolander's last sale. I have my doubts if it is of the last revolution for it looks somehow a little older than this. It probably is Mexican and I will see if I can find out anything about it.

Very truly yours,

HW:kj

Collector